

SKINNER – Application Serial No. 10/030,384

REMARKS

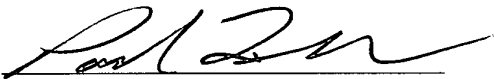
The above amendments were made with the Examiner's rejections in mind. New claim 24 is submitted and is fully supported throughout the specification, for example, at page 7, lines 4-8. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made”**.

The Applicant submits that the claims are now in full compliance with §101 and §112. All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition comprising a titanium complex [consisting of] comprising titanium and an acetoacetate ester in which the molar ratio of Ti to acetoacetate ester is in the range 1:2 to 1:8 and said acetoacetate ester is an ester of an alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

23. (Amended) A method comprising using [Use of] a Titanium complex as defined in claim 1 for accelerating the binding of lignocellulosic materials.

24. (New) A process for accelerating the binding of lignocellulosic material comprising:
a) contacting lignocellulosic material with a titanium complex comprising titanium and an acetoacetate ester in which the molar ratio of Ti to acetoacetate ester is in the range 1:2 to 1:8 and said acetoacetate ester is an ester of an alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
and
b) subsequently allowing said material to bind.

End of Appendix